

OREGON TUALATIN VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



An ARRL Special Service Club

September 1990

Next Meeting September 12, 1990

Words from the President

By Ray Deeth, K7VDQ

I received a call from the Beaverton Elks recently regarding the club's future of having dinners at our regular meetings. Their policy requires that 60% of the members in attendance must buy dinners. During the last six months our dinners have been around 40% to 45%.

Our options are some to none. In other words the Elks will eliminate the dinners and we will have to pay \$1.00 per person in attendance at the meetings if we can't reach the 60% figure.

I personally would like to see the meals continue. However, if the membership participation doesn't reach the required percentage, we will have to pay the \$1.00 per person to stay at the Elks. Therefore, an average attendance of 80 would add a monthly expense of \$80.00.

This telephone call from the Elks did come as a surprise, but I realize their cost are going up with everything else in our society. I'm requesting the membership to think about this dinner situation and come prepared with your ideas to the next general meeting where you may write your comments down on the survey to be prepared for the September meeting.

I made a request of the Elks to allow me to put this matter before the membership with the hopes we can meet the 60% formula. Whether you like to food or not, just remember we may have to charge \$1.00 per person to attend our meetings. The Elks is a great place to have our meetings

Upcomming OTVARC Meetings

Beaverton Elks Club, Beaverton, Oregon

Buffet Dinner at 6:15 P.M.

Meeting begins at 7:00 P.M.

September 12

Ed Mullink

Fast Scan Television

SEAPAC 1990 Wrap Up

By Sue, N7EPE



The final figures are in! Thanks to the many volunteers for their leadership and various talents in making this convention a rousing success.

First a few of the highlights. Total attendance was 2,420. This year we enlisted the help of Hoodview

ARC with VE testing. For this we donated \$200.00 to their club. ARRL contributed a percentage of the sales from their booth, \$300.00. We have returned that to them for scholarships. Those that would like a copy of the financial statement, one is available upon request.

Now for the final figure you've all been waiting for, a check will be given to the club treasurer for \$7,700.00

See you in 1991!

Upcomming Newsletter Changes

By Jeff Durr, KA7AKU

Over the past few months, newsletter submissions have been coming in later and later. The deadline for material in the past has been the 20th of the preceding month. I have not enforced this for a long time.

Starting next month, the deadline will be enforced. I hope to accomplish two objectives by reinstating this rule:

- 1) **Mail the newsletter by the first of each month.** I will be mailing the newsletter out a week earlier than the present schedule. As of now, the newsletter does not reach everyone by the monthly general meeting.
- 2) **Allow for production time.** With all the last minute submissions, the newsletter staff has to work late hours to fit everything in, get copies, fold, stamp and mail.

We also need more contributions. Our 200+ member club has about 3 or 4 people contributing each month.

Secretary's Report For September 1990

By Steve Coan, KA7MOW

I'm writing this column from the comforts of my travel trailer at the August OTVARC Travelers camp out at Metzler Park (just outside of Estacada). It's Sunday morning and a group of HAM's are using N7DCQ's HF rig and picnic table antenna. Yesterday they contacted a rodeo in Arizona. Today a group of about 5 worked very hard on the 10M band to make that elusive contact everyone attempts. The contact was in Estacada (less than 5 miles away). Next months Travelers campout will be at Fort Stevens Park (near Astoria) over the weekend of September 14-16.

This last month saw quite a few added members to our roster. The count is now up to 211. I certainly hope that the influx of memberships via the Novice scholarships will continue their support of the club in upcoming years. The new blood in the club should provide plenty of energy to keep things rolling along. Next month I'll try to include a list of the newest members - see if any ones you know. Now for the minutes of the July board, and August board and general meetings.

OTVARC BOARD MEETING - JULY 5, 1990

- I. Meeting started at 7:15PM (19:15) at Al Berg's house
- II. Secretary absent, no minutes available.
- III. Treasurers report reviewed and approved
- IV. Board viewed Club Trailer
 - A. checking out what remains to be completed
 - B. Al has performed finer detail work since Field Day
 - C. All club members participating in the trailer work deserve a commendation
- V. Discussion on programs for the remainder of the year
 - A. July - Roy Lwellyn (W7EL) QRP Field Day & Antennas
 - B. August - RFI program
 - C. September BPA Celilo AC/DC Power Lines
 - D. October - open
 - E. November open
 - F. December Holiday Festival
- VI. Project Night report - Lynn Hurd
 - A. Finaling 2 Meter amplifier
 - B. Not too many members supporting project night during summer
- VII. Rotary Club - loan of trailer for convention
 - A. Donated \$200.00 to trailer fund
 - B. Designated to cover final expenses to complete the trailer
- VIII. Board Recommendations
 - A. Keep the current enthusiasm going to help complete the trailer
 - B. Al to complete some more projects prior to returning trailer to Dee
 - C. Need more weekend work projects to be scheduled to complete trailer
 - D. Need a display case/area to display plaques and awards the club has received
 - E. Respond to request to display the trailer at the Banks annual BBQ on August 18/19
- IX. No other business conducted
- X. Meeting adjourned 8:30PM (20:30)

OTVARC BOARD MINUTES - AUGUST 1, 1990

- I. No official board meeting, a quorum was not present
- II. Some issues were discussed, no actions were taken.
- III. The members present were in attendance for an hour before leaving

OTVARC GENERAL MEETING - AUGUST 8, 1990

- I. Meeting brought to order at 7:01PM (19:01)
- II. Introduction of guests to the members
- III. Note that the Sea-Pac Amateur Radio Operator of the year is now president of the Central Oregon Radio Club
- IV. Ray Deeth read a letter of recognition from Hood View on the quality of Sea-Pac
- V. Technical Committee Report - Dee Lynch
 - A. September will be the startup of project night.
- VI. Trailer Report - Dee Lynch
 - A. Trailer to come back sometime in the near future to show the members its final state
- VII. Public Service - Randy Stimpson
 - A. Human Powered Vehicles Contest report
 1. about 400 vehicles participated
 - B. Artquake request out for volunteers - see Wes Allen
- VIII. Nominating Committee
 - A. Pat Griffiths is chairman of the committee
 - B. Looking for members - be on the committee, don't get asked to run for office
- IX. Goodwill Games Report - Stan Griffiths
 - A. Amateur Radio games/sports have been added to the games
 - B. HF operating event - lasted 10 hours
 - C. 25 teams of 2 amateurs each
 1. 3 US teams participated
 - D. US took first three places
 - E. Northwest DX Convention was in Portland during the games
 1. All amateur participants came to Portland to the convention
- X. Program was presentation on BPA HVDC line from Celilo to Los Angles area

News From The OTVARC Travellers

By Willis, N7DZR

We did it, we did it! The third weekend in August exploded into another great time for the travelers. August's explosion took place at Clackamas County's "best kept secret", Metzler Park.

At the bottom of the hill thirty or so OTVARCS did their thing at a very nice facility brought to being by the department of transportation and development of Clackamas County. Believe me they did a bang up job. The campsites are bigger than most, a creek almost as big as a river, ball diamonds, horseshoe courts, and jungle gyms just to mention a few of the things to do there.

Our outings have something for everyone, from hamming to eating ham. Speaking of hamming, John, N7DCQ, brought along his R5 and the unusual picnic table mount. This led to many contacts, but one stood out among the rest.

It was about a 25,000 mile QSO from Metzler Park to Estacada. We didn't realize we had gone long path until John told us his R5 was heading south. Another contact with a special event station, W7BNN, in Payson, Arizona, filled a page in their log when we passed the mike around. No CW this time, maybe next time someone will bring a key. Jo, that is not the key to Keith's wine cellar.

Our hamming was having big trouble with big noise, about 750 over S9. We searched and searched to no avail until we checked out Steve, KA7MOW, and there it was. It was not Steve himself, but his computer lab.

Steve loves his work. He loves it so much he not only takes it home, he brings it camping, along with all the paraphernalia, apparatus and peripherals. He had a Tek analyzer and was digging deep into the innards of all that stuff. Now, which piece of the many was making the noise, we don't know. We just pulled the plug. HI, HI.

Darwin, K7PSD, displayed a piece of art that impressed us all. It is a plaque for the OTVARC Travelers. Nice work Darwin. Nice work also for a super outing. Maybe we will let you be Wagon Master again. After all, who could plan everything around the rain showers like you did. Why, we even added on to Dave's (N7DWL) patio for our pot luck dinner and do you know Darwin had it all arranged so it wouldn't rain anyway. I'll tell you, we have the best in the west wagon masters. It takes a lot of skill and technique to know exactly when it's going to rain in Oregon.

Wagons west for the next three months. The September outing will be at Fort Stevens State Park. October will be near Pacific City at Thousand Trails Preserve. November

will be our annual camping and eating trip to Holiday Park at Depoe Bay.

Steve, KA7MOW, is the wagon master for September and he has some big things going for us at Fort Stevens. Besides a tour of Battery Russell and a special visit to the museum, he has made arrangements for a guided tour of the vessel Peter Iredale.

Other activities such as fishing trips with the world renowned buoy ten fisherman, Gene Stickney, and his topless bait boy Marty, KD7LA, should be pretty exciting. How about a class and demonstration on surf fishing? Any input, comments, or questions, call Steve at 646-5271.

73's, AR

Letter to the Editor

By Rush Drake, N7RM

From the ARRL Letter, August 10, 1990:

"ARRL Northwest Division Director William Shrader, W7QMU, has been named to the ARRL Planning Committee. The committee's make up, originally ARRL officers only, was recently broadened to allow inclusion of directors and vice directors. Vice President Rodney Stafford, KB6ZV, chairs the committee, whose mission is to draft a recommended long-range plan for the League."

Bill's appointment to this key committee is significant in that he is at this time the ONLY DIRECTOR named to this important committee. I'm sure his previous experience as Section Manager of Oregon for 6 years, his accomplishments as vice director of the Northwest Division for 3 years, and his active participation in the last two board meetings contributed to his selection.

It was with deep regret that after my recent heart attack and subsequent surgery, that I felt it was to the best interests of the division that I retire. I feel that his acceptance as a mover and shaker by the board has proven my confidence in his ability.

73,
Rush Drake, W7RM
Past Director 87/89

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September 5, 1990

Dear Members and Friends of OTVARC

I write this letter in support of BILL SHRADER, our current Northwestern Division Director. Next month the ARRL will be having a Division election to determine if Bill will continue to fill the Director's slot for the coming years. I hope you will consider casting your vote for BILL SHRADER, W 7 Q M U.

BILL SHRADER, our current Director, has come up through the ranks. Previously he was our Oregon Section Manager for several terms and then was elected as Division Vice Director on the slate with Rush Drake.

You may remember that election was the one where Northwestern Division hams were successful in throwing out the incumbent. She had tried to foul up our SEAPAC Convention and sidetrack the ARRL National. While these actions may have been done through negligence or incompetence, the fact is they were very nearly accomplished. The point of this mention of history is that this very same seemingly incompetent ex-Director is now running and trying to get back on board again. We can't let that happen!

Fortunately we have BILL SHRADER, W 7 Q M U, as our candidate. He is an active ham who has demonstrated the ability and talent to continue as our Northwestern Division Director. In fact, Larry Price, ARRL President, has just named BILL SHRADER to a coveted spot on the League's Long Range Planning Committee.

This is an critically important committee assignment. Amateur Radio stands on the brink of FCC adoption of a codeless license, the possible demise of much of 220 MHz and WARC 92's potential ham band loss. We know that the President, Executive Board of other Board members are not going to put someone on the Long Range Planning Committee unless that person has demonstrated exceptional insight, judgment and diplomacy. BILL SHRADER fits these requirements to a tee.

I urge you to vote for BILL SHRADER, W 7 Q M U. He's our current ARRL Northwestern Division Director and deserves our support.

Sincerely,

Greg Milnes, W 7 A G Q

Upcoming Events 1990

September 1, 2, 3	Artquake Public Service
September 12	- OTVARC General Meeting Beaverton Elks Club, 7 P.M.
September 14, 15	OTVARC Travelers Campout Fort Stevens State Park
September 22 - 24	Walla Walla Valley Hamfest Milton Freewater, Oregon
September 26	Project Night
October 10	OTVARC General Meeting Beaverton Elks Club, 7 P.M.
October 19, 20	OTVARC Travelers Campout Thousand Trails Preserve Pacific City, Oregon
October 31	Project Night
November 14	OTVARC General Meeting Beaverton Elks Club, 7 P.M.
November 16, 17	OTVARC Travelers Campout Depoe Bay (Thanksgiving)
November 28	Project Night
December 26	Project Night

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Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Beaverton Elks Lodge, 3500 S.W. 104th Avenue, Beaverton, Oregon. Meetings begin at 7:00 P.M. following a buffet dinner served at 6:15 P.M.

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